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SUBJECT: TIKHONOV REPLACES NOVIKOV AS HEAD OF SOVIET SIDE OF
FRG-USSR JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION

ACCORDING TO FRG EMBOFF, SOVIETS ADVISED GERMANS AT END
OF 1975 THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER N.A. TIKHONOV WAS REPLACING
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER V. N. NOVIKOV AS HEAD OF SOVIET SIDE OF
JOINT FRG-USSR ECONOMIC COMMISSION. NO EXPLANATION WAS OFFERED
FOR THIS CHANGE, AND FRG EMBOFF TOLD COMMATT THAT GERMANS WERE
NOT INCLINED TO ATTRIBUTE ANY PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO SHIFT, HE
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TIKHONOV HAS TO DATE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR
SOVIET BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH GDR AND SAID IT WOULD BE
INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER TIKHONOV RETAINED HIS PRIOR
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GDR IN ADDITION TO HIS NEW ROLE IN FRG-USSR
ECONOMIC RELATIONS. TIKHONOV'S FIRST MAJOR PARTICIPATION IN FRG-
USSR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL COME AT END OF MARCH, WHEN JOINT
ECONOMIC COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN MOSCOW.

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